

Listing of Claims

The following listing of claims replaces all previous listings and versions of claims in this application.

1. (Currently Amended) A polymeric container, comprising:

an integrally-formed, non-foldable, continuous body portion including a bottom and a sidewall projecting upwardly from the bottom to a top edge, the top edge defining an opening;

a rim encompassing the opening and projecting laterally outwardly from the ~~continuous body portion~~ top edge of the sidewall;

a first minor flap integrally connected to the rim along a first fold line, the first minor flap forming a first minor flap securing portion;

a second minor flap integrally connected to the rim along a second fold line and located opposite of the first minor flap, the second minor flap forming a second minor flap securing portion;

a first major flap integrally connected to the rim along a third fold line, the first major flap forming a first openable handle portion or first handle opening therein, a first end securing portion, and a second end securing portion; and

a second major flap integrally connected to the rim along a fourth fold line and located opposite of the first major flap, the second major flap forming a second openable handle portion or second handle opening therein, a third end securing portion, and a fourth end securing portion, the second openable handle portion or second handle opening of the second major flap being adapted to generally align with the first openable handle portion or first handle opening of the first major flap so as to form a handle when the container is in a closed position,

wherein the first minor flap securing portion secures the first and third end securing portions, and the second minor flap securing portion secures the second and fourth end securing portions, and wherein the container is a polymeric container.

2. (Original) The container of claim 1, wherein the first major flap forms a first openable handle portion and the second major flap forms a second openable handle portion, the first and second openable handle portions are adapted to be removed so as to form a handle when the container is in a closed position.

3. (Original) The container of claim 1, wherein the first major flap forms a first handle opening and the second major flap forms a second handle opening, the first and second handle openings are adapted to form a handle when the container is in a closed position.
4. (Original) The container of claim 1, wherein the first minor flap securing portion is a hinged opening, an opening, or a perforated cutout.
5. (Original) The container of claim 4, wherein the second minor flap securing portion is a hinged opening, an opening, or a perforated cutout.
6. (Original) The container of claim 1, wherein the first and second end securing portions of the first major flap are cutouts, perforated openings, hinged openings, outward protrusions, or combinations thereof.
7. (Original) The container of claim 6, wherein the third and fourth end securing portions of the second major flap are cutouts, perforated opening or hinged openings, outward protrusions, or combinations thereof.
8. (Original) The container of claim 1, wherein the first major flap further comprises a fifth fold line that extends generally along a major axis thereof and the second major flap further comprises a sixth fold line that extends generally along a major axis thereof.
9. (Original) The container of claim 1, wherein the container comprises an alkenyl aromatic polymer.
10. (Original) The container of claim 9, wherein the container comprises a polystyrene foam.
11. (Original) The container of claim 1, wherein the container is rectangularly shaped.
12. (Original) The container of claim 1, wherein the rim is continuous.

13. (Original) The container of claim 1, wherein the thickness of the container is from about 50 mils to about 150 mils.

14. (Original) The container of claim 13, wherein the thickness of the container is from about 70 mils to about 100 mils.

15. (Currently Amended) A polymeric container, comprising:

an integrally-formed, non-foldable, body portion, the body portion comprising a bottom and a sidewall encompassing and projecting upwardly from the bottom to a top edge, the top edge defining an opening;

a rim encompassing and projecting laterally outwardly from the top edge of the sidewall;

a first minor flap integrally connected to the rim along a first fold line, the first minor flap forming a first minor flap securing portion;

a second minor flap integrally connected to the rim along a second fold line and located opposite of the first minor flap, the second minor flap forming a second minor flap securing portion;

a first major flap integrally connected to the rim along a third fold line and having a portion which overlies the rim when the container is in a closed position, the first major flap forming a first openable handle portion or first handle opening therein, a first end securing portion, and a second end securing portion; and

a second major flap integrally connected to the rim along a fourth fold line and having a portion which overlies the rim when the container is in a closed position, the second major flap being located opposite of the first major flap, and forming a second openable handle opening or second handle opening therein, a third end securing portion, and a fourth end securing portion, the second openable handle portion or second handle opening of the second major flap being adapted to generally align with the first openable handle portion or first handle opening of the first major flap so as to form a handle when the container is in a closed position,

wherein the first minor flap securing portion secures the first and third end securing portions, and the second minor flap securing portion secures the second and fourth end securing portions, and wherein the container is a polymeric container.

16. (Original) The container of claim 15, wherein the sidewall is continuous.

17. (Original) The container of claim 15, wherein the first major flap forms a first openable handle portion and the second major flap forms a second openable handle portion, the first and second openable handle portions are adapted to be removed so as to form a handle when the container is in a closed position.

18. (Original) The container of claim 15, wherein the first major flap forms a first handle opening and the second major flap forms a second handle opening, the first and second handle openings are adapted to form a handle when the container is in a closed position.

19. (Original) The container of claim 15, wherein the first minor flap securing portion is a hinged opening, an opening, or a perforated cutout.

20. (Original) The container of claim 19, wherein the second minor flap securing portion is a hinged opening, an opening, or a perforated cutout.

21. (Original) The container of claim 15, wherein the first and second end securing portions of the first major flap are cutouts, perforated openings, hinged openings, outward protrusions, or combinations thereof.

22. (Original) The container of claim 21, wherein the third and fourth end securing portions of the second major flap are cutouts, perforated opening or hinged openings, outward protrusions, or combinations thereof.

23. (Original) The container of claim 15, wherein the first major flap further comprises a fifth fold line that extends generally along a major axis thereof and the second major flap further comprises a sixth fold line that extends generally along a major axis thereof.

24. (Original) The container of claim 15, wherein the container comprises an alkenyl aromatic polymer.
25. (Original) The container of claim 24, wherein the container comprises a polystyrene foam.
26. (Original) The container of claim 15, wherein the container is rectangularly shaped.
27. (Original) The container of claim 15, wherein the thickness of the container is from about 50 mils to about 150 mils.
28. (Original) The container of claim 27, wherein the thickness of the container is from about 70 mils to about 100 mils.

29. (Currently Amended) A polymeric container, comprising:

an integrally-formed, non-foldable, continuous body portion including a bottom and a sidewall projecting upwardly from the bottom to a top edge, the top edge defining an opening;

a rim encompassing the opening and projecting laterally outwardly from the ~~continuous body portion~~ top edge of the sidewall;

a first minor flap integrally connected to the outer periphery of the rim along a first fold line, the first minor flap forming a first minor flap securing portion;

a second minor flap integrally connected to the outer periphery of the rim along a second fold line and located opposite of the first minor flap, the second minor flap forming a second minor flap securing portion, the second minor flap being substantially identical to the first minor flap;

a first major flap integrally connected to the outer periphery of the rim along a third fold line, the first major flap forming a first openable handle portion or first handle opening therein, a first end securing portion, and a second end securing portion; and

a second major flap integrally connected to the outer periphery of the rim along a fourth fold line and located opposite of the first major flap, the second major flap forming a second openable handle portion or second handle opening therein, a third end securing portion, and a fourth end securing portion, the second openable handle portion or second handle opening of the second major flap being adapted to generally align with the first openable handle portion or first handle opening of the first major flap so as to form a handle when the container is in a closed position, the second major flap being substantially identical to the first major flap,

wherein the first minor flap securing portion secures the first and third end securing portions, and the second minor flap securing portion secures the second and fourth end securing portions, and wherein the container is a polymeric container.

30. (Original) The container of claim 29, wherein the second minor flap is identical to the first minor flap and the second major flap is substantially identical to the first major flap

31. (Original) The container of claim 29, wherein the first major flap forms a first openable handle portion and the second major flap forms a second openable handle portion, the first and second openable handle portions are adapted to be removed so as to form a handle when the container is in a closed position.

32. (Original) The container of claim 29, wherein the first major flap forms a first handle opening and the second major flap forms a second handle opening, the first and second handle openings are adapted to form a handle when the container is in a closed position.

33. (Original) The container of claim 29, wherein the container comprises an alkenyl aromatic polymer.

34. (Original) The container of claim 29, wherein the thickness of the container is from about 50 mils to about 150 mils.

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